



## **Thinking About Leadership for Learning**

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In this paper we want to explore key directions in educational leadership to provide a way for those in schools to construct a leadership orientation and structure that promotes student learning. Exploration of current and future perspectives on education will describe important contextual elements such as pedagogy and curriculum trends, new school designs, external pressures (such as choice and accountability), and the place of schools in society. Conceptions of leadership that help educators make sense of this context will be the next focus. Several research areas such as successful school leadership, shared leadership, and the role of middle level leaders, will be used to consider the importance of leadership for student success, and the type of structures that will be used to support this. The final section will consider the leadership development implications of the paper.